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SUBJECT : RICE FARMERS DEMAND HIGHER PRICES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY AN ESTIMATED 1,000 RICE FARMERS FROM THE MAJOR RICE-PRODUCING PROVINCES RALLIED IN BANGKOK ON MARCH 1 TO AIR GRIEVANCES AND DEMAND THAT THE RTG GUARANTEE THE DOMESTIC SALE OF RICE CROPS AT REASONABLE PRICES, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS. THE FARMERS URGED THAT THE RTG PURCHASE RICE STOCKS FROM THEM AT 3,000 BAHT (20.25 BAHT-US\$1) PER METRIC TON WHICH CONTRASTS TO THE AVERAGE OF 2,000 BAHT THEY WERE RECEIVING FROM COMMERCIAL BUYERS FOR RICE DELIVERED TO THE MILL. IN ADDITION TO THE DEMAND FOR HIGHER RICE PRICES TO THE PRODUCER, THE FARMERS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE RTG CONTROL THE PRICE OF DIESEL OIL AND FERTILIZERS. FIVE REPRESENTATIVES SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH PM SANYA WHO, REPORTEDLY, PROMISED TO TAKE THE ISSUE BEFORE THE CABINET

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THIS WEEK.

2. PADDY PRICES WERE INCREASED UP TO 2,200 BAHT PER METRIC TON ON MARCH 4, PRESUMABLY AS A RESULT OF THIS PROTEST MEETING. ON THE SAME DATE, HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION TO PROTECT CONSUMER'S INTEREST, A PRIVATE GROUP, CAUTIONED THE RTG AGAINST BOWING TO THE FARMERS' DEMANDS ON THE BASIS THAT AN INCREASE IN PADDY RICE PRICES WOULD RESULT IN HIGHER PRICES FOR THE URBAN CONSUMER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THIS IS PROBABLY NOT THE LAST ORGANIZED PROTEST BY RICE FARMERS, PARTICULARLY IF PRICES CONTINUE TO INCREASE FOR SUCH ESSENTIALS AS FUEL, FERTILIZERS AND INSECTICIDES. HOWEVER, FOR THE TIME BEING THE SANYA GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE GAINED A RESPITE, THE COST OF WHICH IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEFER FROM THE VERY HIGH PREMIUMS BEING CHARGED ON EXPORTS OF RICE NOW LEAVING THIS COUNTRY AT AN ACCELERATING RATE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. KINTNER

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